

**CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
CULTURAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

June 15, 2011

**Embassy Suites
Burlingame, CA 94010**

Committee Members Present

Adrienne Cedro-Hament
Marina Augusto (via phone)
George Fry
Monica Wilson

Jennie Montoya
Walter Shwe
John Black
Josephine Black

Others in Attendance

May Fahr
Beryl Nielsen
Viviana Criado

Staff Present

Ann Arneill-Py, PhD
Karen Hudson

Welcome and Introductions

Adrienne Cedro-Hament, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Chair introduced herself followed by introductions of the Cultural Competence Committee members and guests in attendance.

Planning Council Member Issue Requests

An issue was brought to the committees' attention regarding an issue in Orange County. The Board of Supervisors held up a contract for the non-profit agency called Promotoras. Documents with details of the issue were provided to members in attendance.

Discussion of Demographic data of the Planning Council members

During the Strategic Planning process, a recommendation was made to enhance the demographic data collected on Planning Council members by asking for members' age. A discussion was held on the topic. It was determined that the real issue was the lack of young adult or TAY members on the Planning Council. Josephine Black made a motion to make a statement for more youth representation on the Planning Council. Walter Shwe seconded the motion. The motion was passed to encourage more youth representation on the Planning Council. A recommendation was made to invite TAY individuals to future Planning Council meetings.

Brainstorm for future Cultural Competency training activities for General Session

In the past, the Cultural Competence Committee has provided exercises/trainings to the members of the Planning Council. These exercises were meant to help members become sensitive to the issue of Cultural Competence and bring forth awareness to personal bias. The committee felt that it would like to proceed with future exercises. Adrienne and Monica will work on identifying future exercises/trainings.

Review of Cultural Competence Work Plan

The committee reviewed and approved the Work Plan derived from the Strategic Planning sessions. The following items were also identified;

- Include The Cultural Competence guidelines for speakers in the whole packet for the October 2011 meeting
- Include the Cultural Competence guidelines for speakers in each Cultural Competence packet for each meeting going forward
- Karen will develop a draft matrix using the current Work Plan for the October 2011 meeting
- A presentation from the EQRO will be scheduled for the October 2011 meeting. The focus on of the presentation will be using EQRO data to identify disparities in mental health services.
- John Black will redesign a charter and purpose document using the Planning Council's recent charter as a guide. This redesign will include the definition of Cultural Diversity. John will forward a draft to staff and members for review and comment.
- Recommend a presentation by Youth/TAY for October 2011 or January 2012 meeting

Report from Office of Multicultural Services

Marina Augusto, Acting Chief for the Office of Multicultural Services, joined the meeting by phone. Her report included the following;

- Marina is pursuing the involvement of stakeholders as the DMH is being dissolved. She is dedicated to insure stakeholders have a voice during this reorganization.
- OMS has issued 10 contracts to work on the Reducing Disparities Project. The 5 ethnic specific contractors have just concluded their first year and have spent the year conducting focus groups. The link for OMS on the DMH website has contact information for the contractors.
- The DMH, OMS and Department of Alcohol and Drugs submitted a SAMHSA proposal and as a result sent 7 of 22 delegates to a SAMHSA Policy forum in San Diego. The intent of this forum was to create a Strategic Plan for reducing disparities as it relates to geography and special populations.

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- The Cultural Competence Plan Reviews (CCPR) are currently being reviewed for small and large counties. OMS is still providing counties with their scores and will ultimately be posting the results on the OMS link of the DMH website.

Identify source of data (DMH or EQRO) and develop data request on Mental Health disparities

Ann Arneill-Py provided the committee with sample data from DMH and EQRO with several options of indicators, proposed by the Planning Council, which could be used to interpret data. Ann also noted the following;

- Transition Age Youth (TAY) are former foster youth, ages 17-24.
- Full Service Partnership (FSP) recipients are referred to as “partners”
- Client System Information (CSI) data includes all clients
- External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) data reflects Medi-cal clients only

Ann provided an overview of Tab C in the packet. She also discussed a handout that tracked the number of arrests related to receiving Full Service Partnership services. The committee discussed what type of data and indicators they would like to request from DMH. Ann stated that she currently has MHSA data from 2006/7 and pre MHSA 2003/4. The committee decided to use the MHSA data which is presently available.

Next meeting in Sacramento in October 2011 will focus on data.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Hudson
Staff Mental Health Specialist